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1. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS GRANTED AMNESTY TO 631 MIL DETAINEES SATURDAY; MOST WERE HELD ON SUBVERSION CHARGES. PRES' OFFICE ANNOUNCED HE WAS ALSO TEMPORARILY RELEASING 8 OTHER DETAINEES ACCUSED OF PLOTTING HIS ASSASSINATION BEFORE MARTIAL LAW DECLARED. REUTER (MANILA, NYT 6/11) REPORTS RELEASE PART OF BUILDUP TOWARD 6/12 OPENING NEW NATL ASSEMBLY, WHICH DESCRIBED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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TURNING POINT IN NATL PROGRESS TOWARD PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. SAYS AMNESTY, HOWEVER, DID NOT INCLUDE FORMER SEN AQUINO. WP (MANILA 6/11) PUT NUMBER OF PERSONS RELEASED AT 621. EARLIER REPORTS IN WSTAR (MANILA 6/10) SAID MARCOS OFFERED FREE AQUINO ALSO. WP (MANILA) ANNOUNCED 6/12 THAT AQUINO'S LAWYER SAID EX-SEN WILL BE AMONG PRISONERS BEING RELEASED.

ACCORDING JOC (6/9), REDUCED PLANTINGS/DRY WEATHER COULD RESULT IN 13 PCT DROP IN PHIL SUGAR PROD.

2. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

CAMBODIAN DEP PM FOR FON AFFAIRS IENG SARY USED HIS SCHEDULED UN SPEECH ON DISARMAMENT 6/9 TO DENOUNCE UNSPECIFIED ENEMIES WHO HE SAID HAVE "RELENTLESSLY BEEN HARASSING /PROVOKING US ALONG OUR FRONTIERS"/ATTEMPTING INVADE. CAMBODIAN MISSION TO UN (6/8) SHOWED 40-MIN FILM DEVOTED TO PROVING CHARGES OF AGGRESSION BY SRV. FILM SHOWED PURPORTED VIET POWS/VIET HELMETS/MATERIEL/ CAMBODIAN RALLIES. NYT'S CHARLTON (6/10) SAYS FILM WAS WELL ATTENDED/MANY IN AUDIENCE WERE FROM ASIAN DELS. REUTER (6/9) REPORTS SARY ACCUSED ENEMY OF MOBILIZING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ITS ARMED FORCES ALONG FRONTIERS/ PERPERTRATING AGGRESSIONS AGAINST CAMBODIA.

3. THAILAND

THAI PARLIAMENT PASSES STIFF LAW DESIGNED CURB ALIENS' EMPLOYMENT. THOSE CAUGHT WORKING ILLEGALLY WILL FACE UP TO 5 YRS IN PRISON/FINES OF UP TO 25,000 DOLS; THEIR EMPLOYERS COULD BE JAILED FOR MONTH/FINED 3,000 DOLS (AP BANGKOK, WP).
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4. MALAYSIA

PM ONN ANNOUNCED SATURDAY HE IS CALLING ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT/10 STATE ASSEMBLIES YR EARLIER THAN REQUIRED-- APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE FELT MALAYSIA'S POL/ECON STABILITY WOULD HELP HIS NATL FRONT COALITION AT POLLS. DATE NOT ANNOUNCED, BUT UNDER MALAYSIAN LAW IT MUST FALL W/IN 90 DAYS OF DISSOLUTION OF LEGISLATURES, WHICH ONN SET FOR 6/12 (AP KL, NYT/WP 6/11).

5. VIETNAM

ACCORDING WSJ (6/9), WB CONSIDERING SEVERAL BIG LOANS FOR SRV TO HELP INCREASE RICE PRODUCTION/REHABILITATE WAR-DAMAGED INDUSTRIES/TRANSPORT FACILITIES--PROJECTS WHICH WOULD COST MORE THAN 250 MIL DOLS. WHILE LOANS FOR HALF DOZ PROJ IN WORKS, BANK SAID IT WILL PROBABLY BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE 1ST LOAN IS CLEARED BY IDA. IN TOKYO, WB PRES MCNAMARA TOLD NEWS CONF 6/8 THAT BANK IS NEGOTIATING FOR LARGE IRRIGATION PROJECT THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE RICE PROD IN MEKONG DELTA. SRV ALSO SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR 60-MIL-DOL COAL-MINE PROJ IN QUANG NINH, 80-MIL-DOL EXPANSION OF RR WORKSHOPS NEAR HCM CITY, OTHER DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING ELECTRIC-POWER FACILITIES/ INDUSTRIAL REHAB/ENGINEERING SURVEYS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO OIL PROD.

NYT'S RAINES DOES PIECE (6/11) ON GROWING FLA CONTROVERSY OVER VIET REFUGEES/FLA FISHERMEN. SAYS CONTROVERSY AROSE WHEN VIET FISHERMEN REFUSED GIVE UP TRADITIONAL WAY OF FISHING--BY USING LONG NETS, MAKING ONLY ONE PLACEMENT EACH NIGHT, THEN SLEEPING ABOARD THEIR BOATS UNTIL DAWN. AMERICANS MAKE NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS W/THEIR BOATS TAKING TURNS DURING NIGHT OVER BEST FISHING SPOTS. THEY COMPLAINED THAT VIETS TIE THEIR NETS TOGETHER TO MAKE SINGLE 7-MI UNCLASSIFIED

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NET, THEREBY "RAPING THE WATERS OF OUR AREA," ACCORDING ONE STATE LEGISLATOR. "IF WE LET THIS CONTINUE WE WON'T HAVE ANY FISH IN A YR." IN RETALIATION, LEGISLATORS, W/ONLY 1 DISSENTING VOTE, PASSED/SENT GOV BILL THAT WILL LIMIT NETS TO 2,000 FT, LENGTH FAVORED BY US FISHERMEN. VIETS SAY MEASURE "WILL BE DEATH OF OUR LIVELIHOOD." SAY THEIR NETS MUST BE LONG BECAUSE THEIR BOATS ARE SLOW. VIET SUPPORTERS SAY MEASURE RACIALLY-MOTIVATED, THAT UNTIL 2 YRS AGO MANY US FISHERMEN USED "STOP-NET" TECHNIQUE THEY NOW CONDEMN.

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

ACCORDING LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK PHINQ), WORD HAS SPREAD THAT BOAT PEOPLE ARE "EASY PICKINGS"/THEY ARE VICTIMIZED ON REG BASIS. CITES CASE OF BOAT STOPPED BY THAI PATROL VESSEL: THAI POLICE OFFICERS AT GUNPOINT SEIZED POSSESSIONS OF REFUGEES/RAPED WOMEN/GIRLS. SAYS REFUGEES USUALLY IDENTIFY ATTACKERS AS "THAI PIRATES" OR "THAI FISHERMEN"; INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNIFORMED MARITIME POLICE LESS FREQUENT. QUOTES US REFUGEE OFFICIAL THAT VERY FEW LEAVE W/O SOME VALUABLE POSSESSIONS, BUT MOST ARRIVE W/ VERY LITTLE. US REFUGEE OFFICE HEAD BARNES SAID HE KNOWS OF BOATS THAT WERE ROBBED 5 TIMES ALONG WAY. EVEN SO, SAID VERY FEW REGISTER COMPLAINTS. MCARTHUR NOTES THAT BOAT PEOPLE RARELY RECEIVE ANYTHING IN RETURN FOR BOATS THEY ARRIVE IN, THAT BETTER BOATS REGARDED AS WINDFALL PROFIT FOR OFFICIALS OF DISTRICT.

7. JAPAN

GOJ ISSUED WARNING (6/9) THAT ITS DIPLOMATS/BUSINESSMEN OF ALL NATIONS BE ON ALERT AGAINST POSSIBLE HIJACK ATTEMPTS UNCLASSIFIED

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BY JAPANESE RED ARMY (REUTER).

NYT (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S FONMIN HAS INSTITUTED HIJACKING INSURANCE SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS ITS DIPLOMATS AGAINST DAMAGES CAUSED ABOARD BY TERRORISTS ACTIONS. UNDER SYSTEM,

COMPENSATION UP TO 137,000 DOLS PAID VICTIMS OF SUCH ACTS (6/11).

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS (6/9) JAPANESE WHALERS WILL ASK GOJ TO W/DRAW FROM INTL WHALING COMMIFIWC AGREES TO PANAMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR 20-YR MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING. THEY SEEK MAINTAIN CURRENT QUOTAS, CLAIMING THAT ANY FURTHER REDUCTION WOULD DESTROY JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY.

IN SEPARATE STORY (6/9), REUTER'S FOLEY (TOKYO) ADDS THAT JAPAN WILL ALSO FIGHT MOVE TO ABOLISH GIANT MOTHERSHIPS IF PANAMANIAN PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTED.

ROWEN (WP) NOTES SPEECH OF JAPAN'S ECON PLANNING MIN MIYAZAWA AT MTG OF TRILATERAL COMM IN WHICH HE STATES "UNCONDITIONALLY FREE/NONDISCRIMINATORY TRADE IS PROBABLY NO LONGER THE TRUMP CARD IN TODAY'S WORLD." COMMENTING THAT PROTECTIONISM USUALLY ARISES FROM PRODUCERS RATHER THAN CONSUMERS, MIYAZAWA ADDS THAT ANY MOVES TO RESTRICT TRADE SHOULD NOT FREE NATIONS/PERSONS FROM EFFORTS TO INCREASE PROD. SAYS ECON COOP MORE EASILY CALLED FOR THAN ATTAINED. SUGGESTS US "INDIFFERENT" OR "OBLIVIOUS" TO EFFECT OF FLUCTUATING DOL ON WORLD ECON. ADVISES THAT THO US STILL HAS WORLD'S STRONGEST ECON, ITS "RELATIVE DECLINE" IN ADVANTAGE SHOULD CAUSE MODIFICATION IN US ATTITUDES TOWARD WORLD/VICE VERSA.

"NIHON KEIZAI" SAYS SURVEY OF 500 COMPANIES SHOWS SALES, PROFITS UP IN SEPT-MARCH OVER PRIOR 6 MONTH PERIOD (JOC TOKYO 6/9).

JAPAN'S ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY TO OPEN NEGOTS W/GOVT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVAL TO FORM CARTEL TO TRIM PRODUCTION IN EFFORTS TO SURVIVE CURRENT RECESSION (JOC 6/9).

LAT CARRIES STORY BY WP'S ROHTER (RIO DE JANEIRO) ON JAPANESE FIRM'S EFFORT TO BUILD CELLULOSE PROCESSING PLANTS IN JAPAN, THEN FLOAT THEM ON GIANT PLATFORMS TO BRAZIL WHERE THEY WILL REACH FINAL DESTINATION ON AMAZON (6/9).

JOC (6/9) QUOTES WORLD BANK PRES MCNAMARA IN TOKYO THAT "MORE REALISTIC" AID MUST BE PROVIDED LDC'S. PRAISED JAPAN FOR SWITCHING FROM ONE OF IBRD'S BIGGEST BORROWERS TO ONE OF ITS MAJOR DONORS; CALLED THEM "MOST COOPERATIVE." PROMISED TO SUPPORT JAPANESE DEMANDS THAT THEIR VOTING POWER IN IBRD BE BROUGHT INTO LINE W/SHARE OF VOTE IN IMF.

8. CHINA

US REVERSES PREVIOUS DECISION, APPROVES SALE OF SOPHISTICATED

ELECTRONIC SENSORY EQUIPMENT TO PRC. DEVICES DESIGNED TO DETECT POTENTIAL EARTHQUAKES, HELP LOCATE OIL

DEPOSITS. COMMERCE DEPT DECISION SAID TO BE BASED ON TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINATION THAT EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE TURNED TO MIL USE BY CHINESE, NOT ON POL DETERMINATIONS. SOVIETS, WHOSE REQUEST FOR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT IN '75 WAS TURNED DOWN, COULD HAVE USED THEIR FAR MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO TURN THIS EQUIPMENT TO MIL ENDS ACCORDING TO DOC. SALE COULD STILL BE BLOCKED BY NATO COORDINATING CMTE (COCOM) WHICH MONITORS SALES OF ADVANCED MIL EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (UPI, JOC; AP, SUN 6/10).

LAT'S JOHNSTON ADDS THAT EARLIER SOVIET REQUEST NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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IDENTICAL; IT INCLUDED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT INVOLVING COMPUTER CAPABILITY JUDGED TO HAVE MIL INTELLIGENCE VALUE (WP 6/10). REUTER'S ANDREWS (WASHINGTON) QUOTES SOURCES THAT PRC COULD USE EQUIPMENT TO MONITOR RUSSIAN MIL MOVEMENTS NEAR BORDER AT NIGHT (6/9).

GLOBE'S BEECHER QUOTES ADMIN SOURCES (6/11) THAT US CONSIDERING SALE OF 60 F-4 FIGHTERS WORTH 500 MIL DOLS TO TAIWAN. REPORTS SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT MOVE AIMED AT PAVING WAY TOWARD FULL DIPLO RELATIONS W/PEKING. SALES WOULD SHORE UP SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF ROC, UNDERMINE ARGUMENTS THAT US TURNING BACK ON TAIWAN/SERVE AS WARNING TO PRC THAT AS MUCH AS US WISHES IMPROVE RELS, IT IS DETERMINED MAINTAIN MIL BALANCE BETWN PRC, ROC/DISCOURAGE USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE DISPUTE. BUT SAYS ADMIN DOESN'T WANT GIVE TAIWAN EQUIPMENT SUPERIOR TO WHAT PRC HAS OR IS EXPECTED TO HAVE BY '80S. THEREFORE, F-15S, 16S RULED OUT (ASLO REPORTED IN CSM, WSJ).

FOLLOWING UP ON GLOBE STORY, NYDN/AP, SUN REPORT DOS CONFIRMATION THAT TAIWAN HAS REQUESTED SALE OF VARIOUS WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND US CONSIDERING THOSE REQUESTS. DEPT REFUSED DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF REQUESTS, HOWEVER.

TEN CHINESE SCIENTISTS ARRIVE FOR STUDY AT FERMI LABORATORY IN ILLINOIS IN STEP TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE SCALE ATOM SMASHERS BY PRC (NYT 6/11).

WSJ'S JACKEWICZ CITES CIA STUDY THAT PRC HAS HUGH RESERVES OF TIN, TUNGSTEN, ATIMONY, AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF COOPER, ZINC, ALUMINUM--BUT LACKS COBALT OTHER ALLOYING METALS IMPORTANT IN IRON/STEEL INDUSTRY. STUDY PREDICTS CHINESE PROGRESS IN TAPPING THESE RESOURCES WILL BE SLOW/THAT CHINA WILL CONTINUE IMPORT MANY VITAL METALS WELL INTO 1980S.

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CHINA HAS CONCLUDED NEW ECON/TECH COOP AGREEMENT W/RWANDA DURING VISIT OF RWANDAN PRESIDENT TO PEKING (WP 6/11).

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SOVIET AMB ENDS 7 1/2 YR TOUR IN CHINA (AP, NYT 6/11).

CHINA/CAMBODIA

WHILE IN PEKING, BRZEZINSKI URGED PRC LEADERS USE INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE CAMBODIA END WIDESPREAD MURDER/REPRESSION ACCORDING US OFFICIALS. THO REFUSING REVEAL CHINESE RESPONSE, OFFICIALS SAID CHINESE "CLEARLY ON DEFENSIVE" (GLOBE 6/9).

CHINA/VIETNAM

NYT CARRIES REUTER (PEKING) REPORT OF BITTER ATTACK BY PRC ON VIETNAM OVER EXPULSION OF CHINESE NATIONALS. REJECTED CALL FOR TALKS, PEKING SAID IT WAS FORCED CANCEL PART OF AID IN ORDER HELP THOSE RETURNING FROM VIETNAM. CHARGED HANOI W/DISTORTING FACTS/MAKING UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS IN ATTEMPT PLACE BLAME FOR EXPULSION OF CHINESE ON PRC (6/10). (ALSO NOTED BY FRASER, CSM PEKING).

CHINA/INDIA

NYT'S BINDER QUOTES INDIAN PM DESAI THAT INDIA PREPARED ACCEPT CHINA'S SEIZURE OF 14,000 SQ MI DISPUTED TERRITORY BETWN '57-'62/TO ACKNOWLEDGE FORMALLY PRESENT BOUNDARY AT SOME POINT IN FUTURE. SAID INDIA'S ONLY PRECONDITION FOR SUCH RECOGNITION IS RESUMPTION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS (STORY ALSO IN SUN).

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. VIETNAM

WSTAR'S NOVAK (6/11) WRITES RE 2 THEORIES ABOUT VN WAR-- THAT IT WAS ESSENTIALLY INDIGENOUS "WAR OF LIBERATION" WAGED BY REBEL FORCES AGAINST "CORRUPT DICTATORSHIP"; THAT IT WAS WAR OF AGGRESSION ON PART OF NVN. SAYS FOR LONG TIME 1ST THEORY SEEMED SUPERIOR; YET, AFTER WAR VICTORS TURNED OUT TO BE NVIET "REGULARS." CONTENTS NOT ALL EVIDENCE IN, BUT HISTORY MAY REVERSE JUDGMENT PREVAILING AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

IN READING ABOUT BORDER CLASHES SRV/CAMBODIA/IDEOLOGICAL SLUGGING BETWN SRV/NEIGHBORS, GLOBE'S BEECHER (6/9) ASKS WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MOSCOW-PEKING CONSORTIUM, NVIET ROLE AS SURROGATE FOR RUSSIANS/CHINESE? SAYS OBVIOUSLY "WELL-INTENTIONED BUT SIMPLISTIC" NOTIONS OF 60S DIDN'T HOLD WATER. WRITES ABOUT CURRENT SRV-PRC CONFLICT, NOTING SRV WILL NOT LET DRAFT-AGE MEN LEAVE BECAUSE "IT DOESN'T WANT TO LET GO OF A LOT OF ANGRY YOUNG MEN WHO...MIGHT SOMEDAY COME BACK WEARING THE UNIFORM OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY." QUOTES ONE INTELLIGENCE SOURCE THAT LAOS IS VIRTUALLY SATELLITE OF VN, THAT SRV EXPECTED EXTEND ITS CONTROL OVER CAMBODIA AS WELL. NOTES SRV'S GREATEST POSTWAR WEAKNESS IS ECONOMIC.

LAT'S DRUMMOND (6/9) INTERVIEWS JOSEPH ANDERSON, PLATOON LEADER DEPICTED IN AWARD-WINNING TV DOCUMENTARY, RELEASED IN '68 AS FILM DOC, WHICH CREATED STIR BECAUSE OF ITS DISPASSIONATE, NON-POLITICAL VIEW OF WHAT LIFE LIKE AT "MUD-AND-BLOOD LEVEL" FOR US SOLDIERS IN VN. TEN YRS LATER, SAYS ANDERSON THINKS FILM CONTINUES HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON HIS LIFE, THAT HE SUPPORTS IT AND IS WHAT FILM REPRESENTS. NOW WH FELLOW/WORKING AS ASST TO JUANITA UNCLASSIFIED

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KREPS, HE SHOWS FILM FREQUENTLY BEFORE SERVICE CLUBS/ACAD GROUPS BECAUSE IT'S SYMPATHETIC PORTRAYAL OF SOLDIER'S LOT WHICH HELPED DEFLECT HOSTILITY OF SOME TO WAR.

10. CHINA

SUN EDIT CALLS POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF PRC IN MIDST OF COMING SALT DEBATE "POTENTIAL MASTER STROKE" BY PRES. SAYS SUCH MOVE WOULD NOT ALIENATE ALL CONSERVATIVES, SOME OF WHOM ARE COMING TO FIND FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD PRC NEW FORM OF ANTI-SOV-ETISM. SUN HOPES CARTER WILL GO AHEAD W/NORMALIZATION "AT THE RIGHT MOMENT," SAYING HISTORY HAS GIVEN HIM "GREAT OPPORTUNITY."

NOTING INCREASING US PRESSURE ON SOVIETS BY CARTER (POS-SIBLE SALE OF EQUIPMENT TO PRC) AND BY CHINESE (HUANG HUA WARNING AGAINST SOVIET IMPERIALISM WHILE VISITING ZAIRE), NYDN EDIT HAILS FORCEFUL WORDS, BACKED BY FORCEFUL DEEDS. SAYS IF CHINESE WILLING COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO CURB SOVIET AGGRESSION, SURELY OUR OLD ALLIES SHOULD BE EXPECTED DO NOTHING LESS.

11. KOREA

NYT'S MALCOLM (SEOUL)RECALLS AMB SNIDER'S SK TOUR IN ONE OF MOST TURBULENT ERAS IN US-SK RELS. CITES TONGUSN PARK, TRADE LIBERALIZATION, REPORTED US BUGGINGS, TROOP WITH-

DRAWAL PLANS/HUMAN RIGHTS. NOTES AMB GIVEN HIGH MARKS BY KOREAN GOVT FOR HIS "THOROUGH PROFESSIONALISM"/VERY BUSINESSLIKE PATTERN OF DIPLOMACY."

MALCOLM CHARACTERIZES SNEIDER AS SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATOR, UNCLASSIFIED

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SHARP BUREAUCRAT WHO PLAYS CARDS CLOSE TO CHEST. BUT SAYS HE DOES NOT HAVE "IMPRESSIVE MEMORY FOR NAMES" OF PREDECESSOR HABIB, NOR DESIRE TO TALK SHOP W/JUNIOR FSO'S. SAYS AMB HAS COME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM, HOWEVER, FROM KOREAN DISSIDENTS WHO FEEL HIM UNSYMPATHETIC TO VICTIMS OF KOREAN POL REPRESSION OR EVEN APOLOGIST FOR PARK REGIME. SAYS SNEIDER'S REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO SUCH CHARGES PART OF HIS BELIEF IN QUIET DIPLOMACY, WHICH ALLOWS NATIONS PRESSURE EACH OTHER ON ISSUES OF CONCERN BUT WHICH DOES NOT COUNTENANCE DISCUSSION OF SUCH MOVES IN PUBLIC.

IN INTERVIEW, AMB DESCRIBED US-KOREAN RELS AS "IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE" DESPITE COMPLEX PROBLEMS. CLAIMED SATISFACTION IN PREVENTING "PRESSURE POINTS FROM BECOMING REAL DISASTERS/CRISES IN OUR CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIP."

WSJ'S THORPE SAYS KOREA, ALREADY MAJOR MRKT FOR US AGRIC PRODUCTS, WILL BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT MRKT FOR US GOODS IN FUTURE. CALLS KOREA ESPECIALLY GOOD POTENTIAL MRKT FOR US SOYBEANS/PREDICTS GROWTH IN IMPORTS OF CORN, WHEAT--WHILE NOT "EXPLOSIVE"--AT RATE OF AT LEAST 4-5 PCT PER YR. SIZEABLE COTTON, CATTLE IMPORTS ALSO EXPECTED TO GROW. VANCE

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